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Sir:

Transmitted for filing is the patent application of Donald W. Bryan of 6151 South Woodland Drive, Ogden, Utah 84403 for SPINAL FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD, comprising 42 pages of specification and claims and a 1-page abstract; and a Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.

This application is a continuation-in-part application of my copending application Serial Number 08/232,371 filed 25 April 1994 for SPINAL FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD now U.S. Patent No. 5,498,262 issued 12 March 1996 which was a continuation-in-part application of Serial Number 07/999,005 filed 31 December 1992 for LUMBAR SPINE FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD now U.S. Patent No. 5,306,275 issued 26 April 1994.

Enclosed also are:

- ☒ 3 (three) sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ A Verified Statement to Establish Small Entity Status for an Independent Inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35 United States Code.
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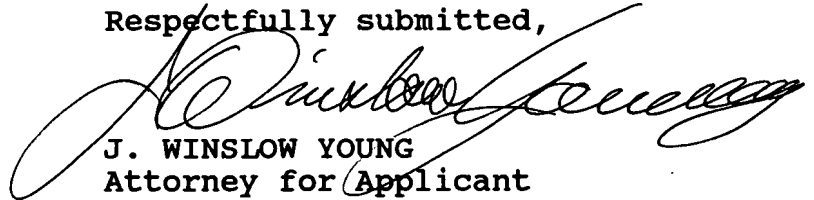
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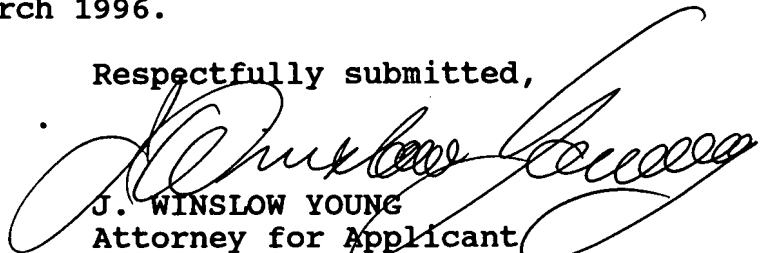
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I hereby certify that this patent application in the name of Donald W. Bryan for SPINAL FIXATION APPARATUS AND METHOD, together with the drawings; Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition; a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status For an Independent Inventor; and a check for \$485.00 are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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